

## Resources and Fees for Inspections

Resources to manage a regulatory program will differ from municipality to municipality and from county to county. Some local health/environmental agencies may have the manpower to absorb the extra seasonal workload, while in other areas there may be very limited resources to manage an inspection program. Some areas of the state have a limited number of recreational facilities that would have to be inspected and regulated thus requiring very little manpower. Considerations should also be given to the inspection equipment, paperwork and data management necessary to establish effective regulatory oversight.

A pool or spa may need to be inspected a limited number of times during the season if adequate training and oversight is provided to the owner/operational manager of the pool. This cooperative effort may save the agency and the pool owner time and money, while decreasing the community risk of Recreational Water Illnesses.

In looking at the experience of Kansas counties and local health departments, fees for pool inspections appear to range from \$100 to \$200 per year. In most instances, there is no permit, permit fee or regulatory oversight for recreational water facilities. Some municipalities have permits and required training, and absorb the cost of the program by not requiring a permit fee. Each community should develop its own structure based on local priorities, needs, and resources.

Below is a sample fee schedule. Fee structures could also be creatively designed to include:

- A higher base fee that is reduced by increments according to self-inspection and reporting on a regular basis by the owner/operational manager.
- A lower base fee plus a small inspection fee each on-site inspection.
- No base permit fee, but fee is charged for each on-site inspection.

Sample: FEE SCHEDULE

### Swimming Pools, Spa Pools, and Other Recreational Water Features

License/Permit Type	Fee
Swimming pool, wading pool, spa pool, or other recreational water feature – annual	\$ 150
Seasonal (six or fewer months) swimming pool, wading pool, spa pool, or other recreational water feature	\$ 125
Additional seasonal swimming pool, wading pool, spa pool, or other recreational water feature at the same location	\$ 50